

# Betty Layward Primary School Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 1 2018

## Reading

*It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.*

*It is most important that your child reads EVERY DAY. Please sign their home Reading Records or ensure they do themselves so we have an idea of how much they are reading regularly.*

*After reading with your child, it is helpful to ask them questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding, inference and deduction. For them to understand why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect the punctuation has had on the piece. It's also great if they can start identifying WOW words. These are exciting and adventurous words which will feed directly into their writing.*

*If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly or via the school office.*

## Homework

*Every second week the children receive homework, including a list of spelling words and number facts (times tables) that they will need to learn over the 2 week period. We would appreciate your support in helping the children to learn these spellings and number facts in preparation for a fortnightly test.*

*Spelling and number facts are an essential part of the children's learning and all your support at home would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.*

**Please encourage your child to bring in any useful books, website/video links or artefacts to share with the class about our topic—Space!**

## Useful Websites:

**These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical\\_processes/earth\\_sun\\_moon/read/1/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/physical_processes/earth_sun_moon/read/1/)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/9\\_10/earth\\_sun\\_moon.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/9_10/earth_sun_moon.shtml)

***Welcome to Year 5! We have an exciting term ahead and will be starting our new learning all about space!***

## Year 5 staff

### 5 Buttercup

*Carly Straayer — Class Teacher*

*Warren Short— Teaching Assistant*

### 5 Saffron

*Stephen Airey — Class Teacher*

*Warren Short— Teaching Assistant*

*Cheryl-Lyn Paul—Learning Support Assistant*

*For this half term our topic is:*

## **ONE SMALL STEP**



*This term, we'll be focusing heavily on Science, as we take a look at our Solar System. We'll be learning about the Sun, the Moon and the Earth and how they affect human beings.*

## Announcements

### Dates for the diary:

#### **WOW DAY!**

(Children can dress up in Space themed costumes if they wish to)

**Monday 10th September**

#### **Meet the teacher**

**Wednesday 19th September 15.30**

**PE**– Mondays

**Trip to the Planetarium, Greenwich**

**Saffron – Tuesday 11th September**

**Buttercup—Monday 17th September**

**Mindfulness – Saffron - Tuesdays**

(Buttercup to commence next term)

## Science

In Science, we will be learning to:

Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.

Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.

Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.



## Maths

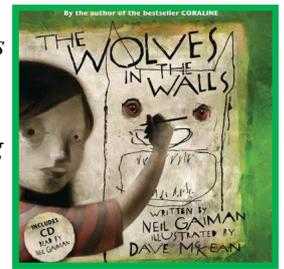
In Maths, we will be focussing heavily on number, in particular:

- Place value in numbers to 1,000,000
- Addition and subtraction, and the links between them.

The children are expected to be able to rapidly recall times table and division facts for **all the times tables up to 12 x 12** and will be regularly tested to track their progress. Please support with this at home as much as possible.

## English

In English we will be reading *Wolves in The Walls* by Neil Gaiman and thinking about how he uses suspense to make his writing exciting. The children will practise writing suspense stories themselves using speech and embedded clauses to make their writing exciting.



We will also be reading *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce. This unit of work will focus on the developing the following skills;

- To enjoy exciting stories with memorable characters
- To consider how particular situations make individuals behave as they do
- To explore dilemmas, empathising with characters
- To build an imaginative picture of a fantasy world, based on real life experiences

In reading sessions the children will also be continuing their learning about Space, by reading a range of non-fiction texts.

## PE

In PE lessons it is essential that your child brings their PE kit every week. This means that they will need sportswear, including trainers. This is an important part of their learning and ensures that they can take part in every lesson.



Children will not be swimming this half term.